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The Long Expected New Tents Have Been Issued—They Are Not of the Finest Quality, But Are an Improvement on Those Cast Aside. Presents Received by Some Members of the Company—Some of the Minor Gossip of the Camp.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp MacKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 20.—Major General S. S. Sumner, the Division commander, made a tour of the entire camp Tuesday. At each regimental guard house he asked to have the prisoners brought before him. This done, he asked the name of each prisoner, his offense and the sentence which was meted out. His chief attention, however, was directed towards the appearance of camp and its sanitary condition. After he had completed his tour of inspection, he said that everything was satisfactory. He was glad to say that he had seldom seen a cleaner, or more healthful looking camp.

It will be remembered that this General Sumner has been one of the chief combatants in the Spanish-American war. He is a soldier with a record of which he is justly proud. Before the war he was colonel of the Sixth United States cavalry, and at Tampa, Florida, he was made a Brigadier General, and in his Brigade were the famous Rough Riders. He was present in the campaign of Santiago where he distinguished himself. For his brilliant service he was honored with the two stars of the major general. He is very quiet and modest in manner.

NEW TENTS ISSUED.
After several drenchings and many months of the most anxious expectations the new tents, which were received some days ago, were issued yesterday afternoon to those who needed them most, and by dusk were all placed in position. The old ones were rolled carefully and packed away. With the canvas, new poles and pegs were also issued. There are several bad ones still in the regiment, but new ones to supply their places will, it is expected, be forthcoming soon.

The tents that have been issued, though not the very finest in quality, or the best of proof against a rain storm, are certainly an improvement on those cast aside, and the boys are very thankful for having received them, though long delayed.

First Sergeant George L. Daley, of A, reported to his company last night, after having been absent since the first week of September. Sergeant Daley had been complaining for some time, even before the regiment left Dunn Loring; but on reaching Camp Meade, he had to be taken to the hos-

Green Leaf
The Annual Clearing Sales....

We begin this week the readjustments of all departments to conditions that will enable us to place with knowledge our orders for spring and summer. There will be SPECIAL SALES in all departments and reduced prices will prevail everywhere. Bargains here will reach their full dictionary sense—"something under value." Such terms as "a quarter," "a third" and "a half off" will truthfully mean that proportion of reduction from the regular prices. Besides we look forward to the

January Sales of Linens And Domestic

We have prepared for these by searching the markets and manufacturers for all that is good and serviceable and yet at specially little prices.

THE PRINCIPAL FEATURE of the week will be the

Muslin Underwear Sale

All the articles that come under the above head that belong to "mildly" wardrobe and are composed wholly or in part of Cambrics, Lawns, Nainsooks and Laces—both domestic and imported, that have become mussed, soiled and wrinkled by handling in display and showing have been reduced to figures that come pretty near reaching the values known as

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pital where a severe case of typhoid developed. From there he was removed on a hospital train and sent to St. Agnes' Hospital, South Broad street, Philadelphia. On his recovery he was granted an extended furlough. Sergeant Daley received a warm welcome from the members of his company when he struck camp last evening.

The boys have all been well remembered by their friends at home. Among the number of those who were not forgotten, and the presents they received, were the following:

PRESENTS RECEIVED.

First Sergeant James Rafter, C, gold ring with three fine rubies; Private Joseph O'Hara, B, box of etables and a box of cigars; Private Peter Zane, B, box of cigars and wines; Corporal George Schmidt, C, box of etables and champagne; Sergeant Clarence Seward, D, etables; Corporal Charles Wrigley, F, silver mounted pearl paper cutter, tobacco pouch, and a briar pipe, with amber mouthpiece, from High School friends; Private Edward Kelly, of the hospital, box of cigars; Hospital Steward Kistler, silk suspenders worked by hand; Private John Kiernan, D, five pounds of tobacco from friends in the Gallery Engineer; Private Joseph Gurrell and Jacob Sobus, of B, boxes of cigars; Corporal Edward Conrad, A, book entitled, "How to Write Love Letters"; Corporal Harry Drake, C, beautiful morocco portable writing desk, writing materials, sealing wax, and seal; Major Keller, box of cigars; Lieutenant Murphy, C, shaving set; Captain Robling, C, box of Murrills; Sergeant Watson and Smith, of G, 200-pound box of etables; Halstead members of the band, a 100-pound box of delicacies.

Private George Metzner, of A, has been taken to Division hospital, but fortunately he is not dangerously ill. First Sergeant Bieseker, of B, went to town Monday, and when he returned he found his usually well-ordered tent tropy-turvey. During his absence, some of the boys turned everything upside down, and put several beer kegs, casks, empty bottles and logs of wood in his tent. A reward is out for the apprehension of the offenders.

Sergeant Eugene H. Fellows, of F, has been discharged from the regimental hospital, and is now able to attend to duty.

AN ATTACK OF RHEUMATISM.

Private Michael Moffitt, of C company, has been undergoing treatment in the hospital for some time past. He has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grusin, of Hallstead, have been in camp during the holidays visiting their sons, Privates William and Frank Grusin, of G band. They left for home this evening.

Privates Thomas Hagen, Amasa L. Hickok and Glynch Nash, of G, have returned to camp after an absence of several weeks on sick furlough.

Private Harry C. Moore, of A, gave a wine supper to his tentmates, the inhabitants of Shook No. 6, in honor of the holidays. The boys enjoyed it thoroughly.

Privates Harry Curtin, Henry Stanton and Charles Husted, of D, have returned from Florida where they spent seven days on furlough. They report having had a pleasant vacation in the land of oranges.

Private William Meyers, of A, who was detailed for a few days for special duty at Brigade headquarters, has returned to his company.

Musicien Simrell, of the band, has for the past few days been entertaining his step-father, Mr. Joseph Wesley, of Hallstead.

Lieutenant Foote, of D, dined yesterday with friends in Augusta.

There was no serious case of sickness reported in the regiment today.

Richard J. Bourke.

CUTS OFF THEIR HEADS.

This Is How the Sultan of Morocco Treats Tax Dodgers.

From the Boston Herald.

The Sultan of Morocco is going to prevent his subjects from evading the payment of their taxes, even if in doing it he has to behold every tax dodger in the country.

In his majesty's domain tax dodging by the rich is well-nigh universal, and well-informed students and travelers, knowing how corrupt and rapacious the sultan's government is, do not doubt that much of it is justifiable. But the sultan looks at the matter in a different light. He declares that there is no excuse for tax dodging, that it is criminal and, moreover, that he has hit upon a punishment to fit the crime.

Frank E. Jackson, a globe-trotter of thirty years' experience, has recently made a tour of north Africa, including the accessible parts of Morocco, and in a personal letter to Frank L. Dingley, of Lewiston, Maine, a brother of the well-known representative of that name, he gives a graphic account of the sultan's bloody and desperate method of procedure.

While in Tangier, Mr. Jackson learned that the sultan, at the head of a large body of troops, was marching through the country collecting taxes, and that at Larochie he had decapitated a large number of tax dodgers and spiked their heads above the city gates, to serve as a warning to others who might not be disposed to pay their dues promptly.

"A company of five was formed," writes Mr. Jackson, "to visit Larochie and see if this ghastly report was true. The party consisted of an Englishman, who spoke Arabic; a German and three Americans.

"We boarded a small steambot at Tangier and sailed down the coast to Cosa Blanca. There we engaged mules, donned Arab costumes (a very prudent thing to do) and early in the morning started to Larochie, about twenty-five miles inland. It was a beautiful country through which we passed, fertile and well cultivated, the monotony of the desert relieved by the fig and olive trees and the stately and ever-present palm. But it is a country centuries behind modern civilization. Women are still sold into virtual slavery and not infrequently to take the places of infants of burden. More than once along the way we saw a farmer working his land, his wife and a mule yoked together drawing the plow.

There above us, in a ghastly row, were fifteen human heads shriveling in the broiling sun. We rode around to the other gates, only to find the same ghastly display. In all we counted forty-five heads spiked to the board arches over the city gates. Our curiosity was fully satisfied, and all of us regretted that we had traveled so far to learn that there was at the close of the nineteenth century so barbarous a country on the face of the earth as Morocco.

"And not all of the heads were those of tax dodgers; some were of old men and women who had never possessed anything worth taxing. It seems the sultan had vented his spite on them after learning that a number of wealthy residents of the city had been warned of his coming and had fled to the mountains, taking their cash and other portable valuables with them.

"These murderous raids are made once a year by the sultan and it is said that he nearly depopulates some of the districts through which he passes. Upon trustworthy authority we learned that what we saw at Larochie may be seen in the wake of the sultan at every city along his route. If more bloody capitals are gathered in one place than he conveniently disposed of there these are carried on to decorate the gateways of the next city."

INDIAN MURDERER'S FATE.

Punishment That Befell Him in a Primitive Mexican Tribe.

From the City of Mexico Two Republics.

Speaking of the primitive law among the Mexican Indians brings to mind a curious case that was told me some years ago in the state of Oaxaca by an old Zapotecan chief, who had become a convert to Christianity. He said that a long while ago an American botanist was traveling through the mountains of Oaxaca studying the rare and beautiful flora of that region. He had with him a mazo from another part of the country.

He carried several gold pieces sewed in the lining of his jacket. The mazo became aware of that fact, and one day when the botanist got down on his knees to drink at a little spring the mazo cut his head off with a machete, took the gold pieces and fled to the higher Sierras.

Not long after the body was found by some Aztec Indians, who had seen the botanist in former times studying the flowers and plants near their village. They knew that he was a harmless and good man, because he loved the flowers. All Mexican Indians love flowers. So they took the body to the chief and told him what they had seen and found. The old chief was very indignant. "What," he said, "shall the kind stranger with the white face, who loved flowers and sought not our goods nor insulted our women, come to such a dog's death among us and not be avenged?"

He then dispatched four swift Indian runners in different directions, with orders not to return without the murderer. After a week's time they returned bearing the murderer bound in their midst. A council of old men was called; the case was examined. The guilt of the mazo was proved, as he still had with him the strange pieces of gold.

Then the old chief gave the sentence. It was speedily performed. They led the trembling prisoner to the center of the little plaza. There four green stakes were driven in the ground, the murderer was stripped naked, and stretched by the wrists and feet in the air among the four stakes, to which he was lashed. Then the Indians made a great heap of unslaked lime under the wretched man's body, and when the heap touched his breast and sides they poured water over it, and the scalding steam of lime had cooked all the flesh from the bones. Then they took the bones and threw them into a hole on the mountain side.

And so was the stain of the murdered man's blood covered and vengeance was wrought in behalf of "the white stranger who was good and loved flowers."

PYRAMIDS OF NAPATA.

There Are Six of Them and All Are Unexplored.

From the London Graphic.

The opportunity for making an excursion to the pyramids of Napata presented itself recently, and we eagerly embraced the chance of visiting these interesting and little known relics of the past. The pyramids lie clustered together on the western side of Gebel Barkal mountain, a huge mass of sandstone rock which rises majestically out of the desert, as Gibraltar rises from the sea. This mountain, though of no great height, is a landmark for many a mile around, and from Merawi camp the pyramids themselves were plainly visible above the belt of palm trees on the opposite bank of the Nile.

These pyramids are six in number, and with one exception lie in a wonderfully perfect state of preservation. None of them, however, is of any such vast dimensions as the pyramids at Gizeh, the highest probably not exceeding sixty feet. They appear to have been built in groups, and placed at right angles to one another. The stones which form the outer facing are in no case more than three feet long by one and one-half feet in depth, and are not very closely fitted to one another. These pyramids have never been explored. What varied treasures may they not contain! What price-

less inscriptions may adorn the walls of their sepulchral chambers!

The temple which we first approached on leaving the pyramids is hewn out of the solid rock. It contains three chambers, the central one being the largest, with the two smaller ones on each side of it. In each case the walls are richly decorated with hieroglyphics, and in some places the original coloring remains. It is, however, extremely difficult to trace the details of the carvings, for the wild bees have found them convenient projections on which to build their little nests.

The Kaiser's Chest Protector.

A Berlin newspaper says the orders of decoration borne by the emperor of Germany are worth over 1,000,000 marks (a little over \$25,000). His principal and most valued decorations are the insignia of the Black Eagle, the Order of St. John, of the Garter and of the Tolson d'Or. In all he has over 200 crosses, stars, badges and other insignia. It is said that he takes them with him on all his journeys and voyages, his hunting expeditions excepted. The coffer containing the decorations is in the constant care of an officer of the court, who accompanies the kaiser everywhere. On returning to Berlin the coffer is locked up with the crown jewels in the treasury.

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